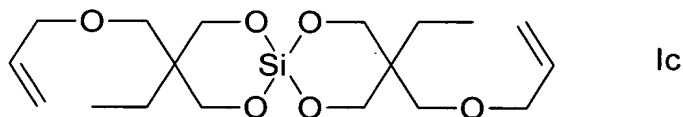
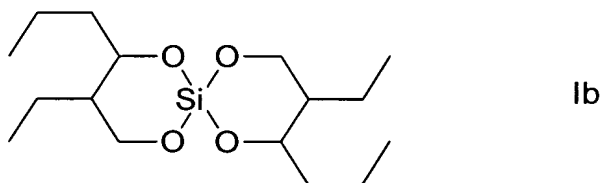
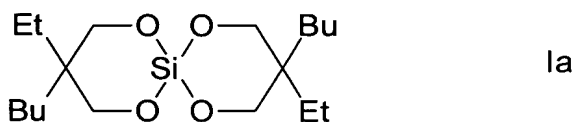


Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A coating composition comprising a silicon heterocyclic compound and a hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker, wherein the silicon heterocyclic compound is a compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group that comprises latent alcoholic hydroxyl groups, characterized in that and wherein hydroxyl-reactive groups of the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker are selected from the group consisting of isocyanate groups, thioisocyanate groups, epoxy groups, episulfide groups, acetal groups, carboxylic acid groups, carboxylic anhydride groups, carboxylic acid ester groups, carbodiimide groups, alkoxy silane groups, Michael-acceptor groups, etherified amino groups and mixtures thereof.

2. (Original) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group is selected from compounds according to the following formulae Ia, Ib, and Ic



3. (Previously Presented) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker is a compound comprising at least two isocyanate groups.

4. (Previously Presented) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises less than 480 g/l of volatile organic compounds.

5. (Previously Presented) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a deblocking catalyst for the deblocking of the compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group.

6. (Previously Presented) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a cross-linking catalyst for the reaction between hydroxyl groups and the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker.

7. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1, optionally further comprising non-latent hydroxyl groups, characterized in that the equivalent ratio of hydroxyl-reactive groups to the sum of latent alcoholic hydroxyl groups and non-latent alcoholic hydroxyl groups is between 0.5 and 4.0.

8. (Previously Presented) A process for curing a coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that

a) the latent alcoholic hydroxyl groups and the silanol groups of the spiro-ortho silicate groups are deblocked in the presence of moisture, optionally in the presence of a deblocking catalyst,

b) the alcoholic hydroxyl groups are reacted with the hydroxyl-reactive groups of the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker, optionally in the presence of a cross-linking catalyst, and

c) the silanol groups formed participate in the reaction with the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker and/or react with one another in a condensation reaction, optionally in the presence of the cross-linking catalyst.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of finishing and refinishing automobiles and large transportation vehicles, comprising applying the composition according to claim 1 to a substrate.

10. (Previously Presented) An adhesive composition comprising the composition according to claim 1, applied to a substrate.